



Amelia Harris, ASOSU President and OSA Vice Chair
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Re: SB 270

Chair Hass and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Amelia Harris, and I am President of the Associated Students of Oregon State University and the Vice Chair of the Oregon Student Association Board of Directors. ASOSU and OSA believe that every Oregonian deserves access to an affordable, quality college education, and that students should be involved in decisions that affect them.

ASOSU is opposed to the bill SB 270 in its current form. Student fee autonomy, cost of tuition to cover administrative costs, and committee representation are all concerns that ASOSU has regarding this bill.

These institutional boards proposed by SB 270 do not have student, faculty, and staff representation on them. Students, faculty, and staff have perspectives that need to be institutionalized on the boards, and without them the board will be out of touch regarding the needs of the university community.

Institutional boards face little accountability to the state in keeping tuition and administrative costs low. Administrative costs at other universities have skyrocketed as a result of implementing institutional boards, and ASOSU is concerned this pattern will continue in Oregon if institutional boards are implemented at some of Oregon's universities.

This bill removes the autonomy that students currently have over the student fees process. At OSU, the Student Incidental Fees Committee, a committee made up of students elected by the student body, has autonomy over student fees. This bill would eliminate this process and leave the student body without control over how our own student fees are decided.

ASOSU has many concerns about institutional boards like committee representation and the costs to students through its implementation, and we do not support the passage of SB 270 in its current form.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.